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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARY GENERAL
GEORG KAHN-ACKERMANN TO WASHINGTON - MAY 28.

SECRETARY GENERAL GEORG KAHN-ACKERMANN HAS JUST ASKED ME IF
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY AND
OTHER INTERESTED DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON
COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTIVITIES ON MAY 28 IN WASHINGTON
FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS MAY 27.

SECGEN WOULD PROBABLY RAISE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. CSCE FOLLOWUP AND THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE OF 1977 - THIS
SUBJECT IS UNDER REGULAR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DEPUTIES. SECGEN WOULD BE
GLAD TO HAVE DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.
2. PORTUGAL AND SPAIN - SECGEN PROBABLY WOULD GIVE SHORT
ACCOUNT OF THE COUNCIL S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO PORTUGAL
AND DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS OF THAT COUNTRY BECOMING A MEMBER
OF HIS ORGANIZATION. HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT
VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.
3. CYPRUS - COUNCIL HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THIS MATTER, SECGEN
WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A SOLUTION
TO THIS QUESTION.

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4. SECGEN WOULD ALSO HOPE TO DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS OF INCREASE OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION IN SUCH FIELDS AS HUMAN RIGHTS, YOUTH, AND INCREASED CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION AT SESSIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY.

5. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS SECGEN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS ON WHAT ROLE THE COUNCIL, WHICH ASSEMBLES ALL THE PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACIES IN EUROPE, MIGHT PLAY IN THE PRESENT DAY WORLD AS REGARDS UPHOLDING WESTERN VALUES, POLITICAL LIBERTY, AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

DEPARTMENT FOR ITS PART MIGHT WISH TO BRIEF SECGEN ON TERRORISM AND INQUIRE WHAT ACTIONS PRESENTLY ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS. THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS IN ITS MAY 6 MEETING IN STRASBOURG DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF TERRORISM BUT SO FAR AS IS KNOWN NO DECISION WERE REACHED.

IF THE SECRETARY S SCHEDULE PERMITS, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HE RECEIVE KAHN-ACKERMANN FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND THE INTERESTED OFFICE DIRECTORS.

I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT A LUNCHEON BE HELD IN KAHN-ACKERMANN S HONOR WHICH WOULD GIVE MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF A NUMBER OF TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. KAHN-ACKERMANN HAS STATED THAT IF THE 28TH IS NOT SATISFACTORY HE COULD COME TO WASHINGTON ON THE 29TH TO SEE THE SECRETARY. I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT GIVEN THE FACT THAT IT FALLS ON A SATURDAY BEFORE AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY.ROMINE

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